

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An automatic cycle storage system comprising: ~~a plurality of cycles~~ ^{[[(1)]]}, each of which carries a blocking device ^{[[(8)]]} and an electronic circuit; ~~at least one~~ ^a cycle storage area ^{[[(7)]]} serving to receive the cycles ^{[[(1)]]} while they are not being used; and ~~at least one~~ ^a control device ^{[[(2)]]} adapted to authorize, selectively, cycles to be borrowed from the storage area. The control device and the cycle are each provided with a respective short-range wireless communications interface, and the cycle includes an electrical lock device adapted to lock the blocking device in the blocking position.